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4       Inventorship ..... Andrews et al.  
5       Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
6       Attorney's Docket No. .... MS1-470US  
7       Title: Game Control Device Having Genre Data

8           **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

9       As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

10      My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to  
11     my name.

12      I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed  
13     below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the  
14     subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention  
15     identified above, entitled "Game Control Device Having Genre Data"

16      This application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my  
17     earlier filed pending application entitled "Mapping Input-Device Functions to  
18     Software Application Input Commands" which was filed January 14, 2000, having  
19     application serial number 09/483,113.

20      I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified  
21     specification, including the claims.

22      I claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 in connection with  
23     said earlier filed application.

24      I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to  
25     patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a), including  
   any information which became available between the filing date of the prior  
   application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS: no applications for foreign patents or inventor's certificates have been filed prior to the date of execution of this declaration.

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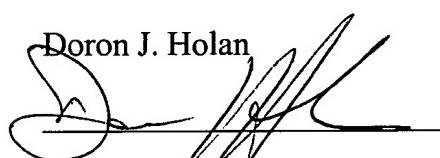
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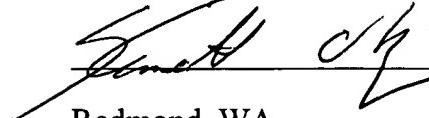
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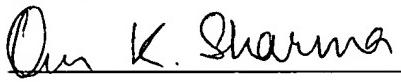


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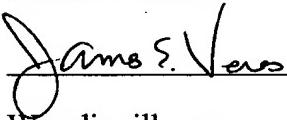
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